



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Ryoichi KAWADA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2621**

Application No.: **10/620,350**

Examiner: **Tung T. Vo**

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Confirmation No.: **8925**

For: **IMAGE MATCHING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MOTION
PICTURES**

Attorney Docket Number: **030838**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

February 13, 2007

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated January 11, 2007.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Species I (Claims 1, 3 and 5). This election is made with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that a thorough search and examination of species I would also encompass the search and examination of Species II and III. As such, it is believed that the search and examination of Species I-III can be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions". (emphasis added). It is requested that this policy apply to the present application to avoid duplicative examination by the Examiner and undue cost to applicants.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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